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U.S. DELAY SCORED IN COAST GUN CASE

Judge Prods Prosecutors of 2 Weapons Collectors

Special to The New York Times

SAN FRANCISCO, June 20 —Federal investigative agencies are baffled in trying to explain why a wealthy young couple bought hundreds of guns and thousands of rounds of ammunition.

A Federal judge urged the prosecutors today to act on their two-month-old complaints on gun law violations by William E. Thoresen 3d, and his wife, Louise, both 37 years old.

Mr. Thoresen is the son of the [illegible] of the Great Western [illegible] Corporation. He is free on $57,500 bond on three charges. His wife is free on $7,500 bond on four.

Their rented house in the exclusive Pacific Heights section of San Francisco was raided on April 21 by Federal agents who took possession of guns and ammunition in a wide variety of sizes and types.

Later, large consignments of armaments were seized in trailer trucks at freight yards in Oakland and Berkeley, Calif.

Mrs. Thoresen, the mother of a 5-year-old son, was charged again on May 1 when she attempted to take delivery at the Railway Express agency of a package containing cartridges and guns, including a German machine gun.

The Thoresens have not offered an explanation of why they gathered the guns. Their attorney, J. W. Ehrlich, a San Francisco criminal lawyer, said today:

"This fellow was making a collection. He had been around to various army posts, and found nobody was doing anything. They just stacked up the stuff. He thought the Marines did the best job, but he wanted to do something better.

"He was going to make a museum. That was what he was going to do, and he was going to present it to San Francisco, incidentally."

The investigation is being done by the Alcohol Tax Unit, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Interstate Commerce Commission. They have no explanation that goes beyond that offered by Mr. Ehrlich.

Federal Judge Lloyd H. Burke said today that he was worried because no prosecution has been pushed against the Thoresens. Usually, they would have been indicted or turned free in two weeks to a month, the judge said.

$5,500 Tiffany Lampshades Stolen From Writer's Home

Two junkmen with a taste for Tiffany last week made a lucrative haul from a house being vacated at 1453 Lexington Avenue, taking along with $10 worth of piano and chandelier parts, two valuable Tiffany glass lampshades and a lamp standard.

Leo Lerman, writer and collector of Victoriani owner of the pilfered Tiffany pieces, said yesterday that one shade, of dragonfly design, was worth $3,500; the other, of poinsettia design, $2,000.

3 Deny Guilt on Charges Of Fraud in Pentron Stock

Three Chicago men pleaded not guilty yesterday in Federal Court to an indictment charging fraud and manipulation of stock of the Pentron Electronics Corporation.

Further proceedings will be held on Aug. 28 for tow of the men—Osborn Andreas, 63 years old, former board chairman of Pentron, and Mark Rolland, 33, money lender. Teir passports were suspended.

Federal Judge Walter R. Mansfield set $10,000 bail for Mr. Rolland and $1,000 for Mr. Andreas.

At the same time Judge Mansfield set $1,000 fail for the thitd man, Spero Furla, 42, a former securities salesman now in the photography business.

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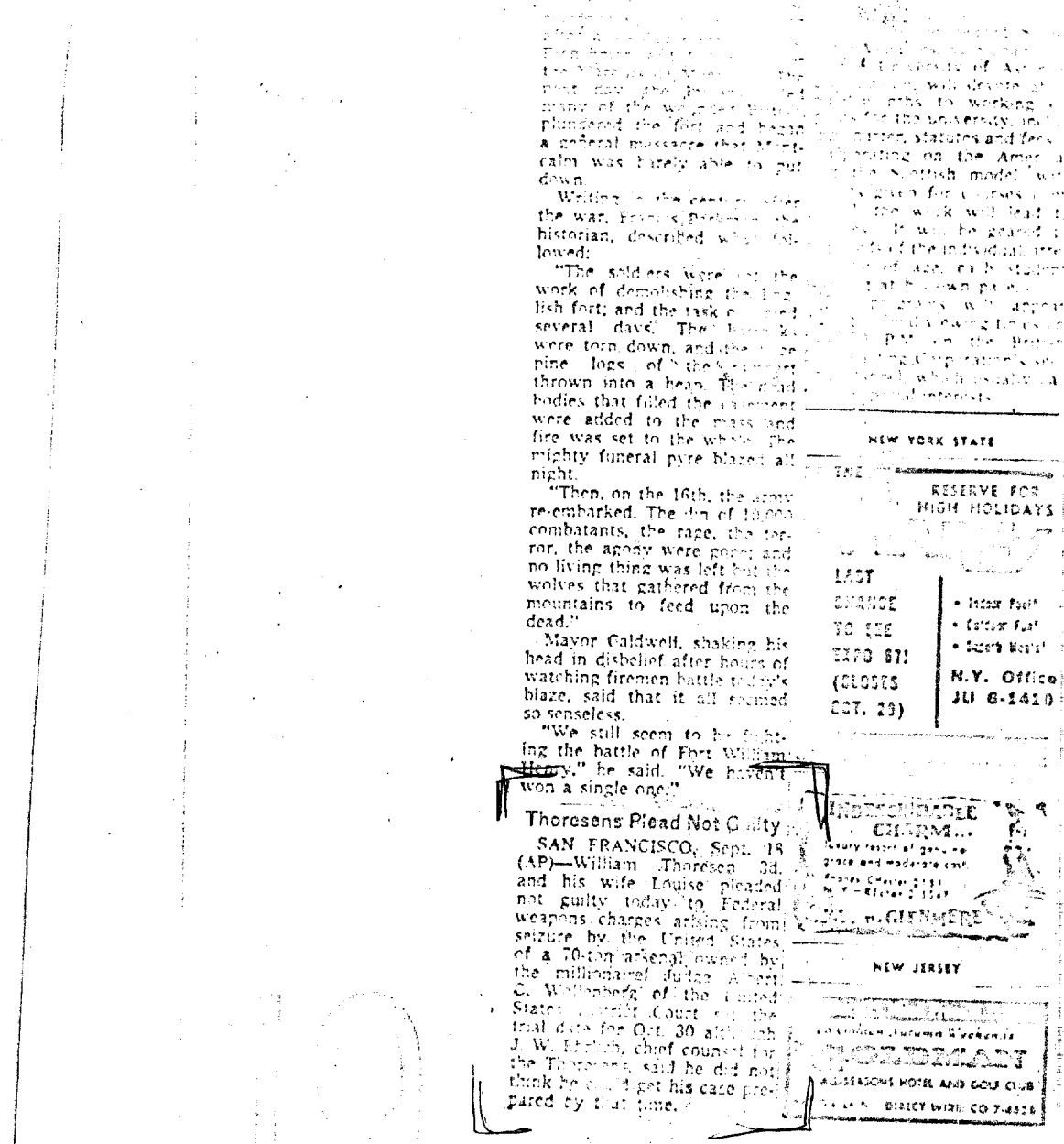

plundered the fort and began a general massacre that Montcalm was barely able to put down.

Writing [illegible] the war, Francis Parkman, the historian, described what followed:

"The soldiers were at the work of demolishing the English fort; and the task occupied several days. The palisades were torn down, and the huge pine logs of the ramparts thrown into a heap. The dead bodies that filled the casement were added to the mass and fire was set to the whole. The mighty funeral pyre blazed all night.

"Then, on the 16th, the army re-embarked. The din of battle, the combatants, the rage, the terror, the agony were gone; and no living thing was left but the wolves that gathered from the mountains to feed upon the dead."

Mayor Caldwell, shaking his head in disbelief after hours of watching firemen battle today's blaze, said that it all seemed so senseless.

"We still seem to be fighting the battle of Fort William Henry," he said. "We haven't won a single one."

Thoresens Plead Not Guilty

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 18 (AP)—William Thoresen 3d, and his wife Louise pleaded not guilty today to Federal weapons charges arising from seizure by the United States of a 70-ton arsenal owned by the millionaire duke Albert C. Wallenberg of the United States [illegible] Court set the trial date for Oct. 30 although J. W. English, chief counsel for the Thoresens, said he did not think he would get his case prepared by that time.

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